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**FISHERY UPDATE
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA
COMMISSIONER'S PERMIT TANNER CRAB FISHERY
STATISTICAL AREA CLOSURE 486005
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A Commissioner's Permit fishery for Tanner crab in the Western and Eastern Districts of Prince William Sound Area (PWS; 5 AAC 35.311) was opened on March 1st. Catch per unit effort information reported from statistical area 486005 indicates a significant decrease through the first week of the mandatory call-in; therefore statistical area 486005 will close on Tuesday, March 13 at 12:00 noon.

Other statistical areas will remain open but fisherman should monitor announcements closely for future closures.

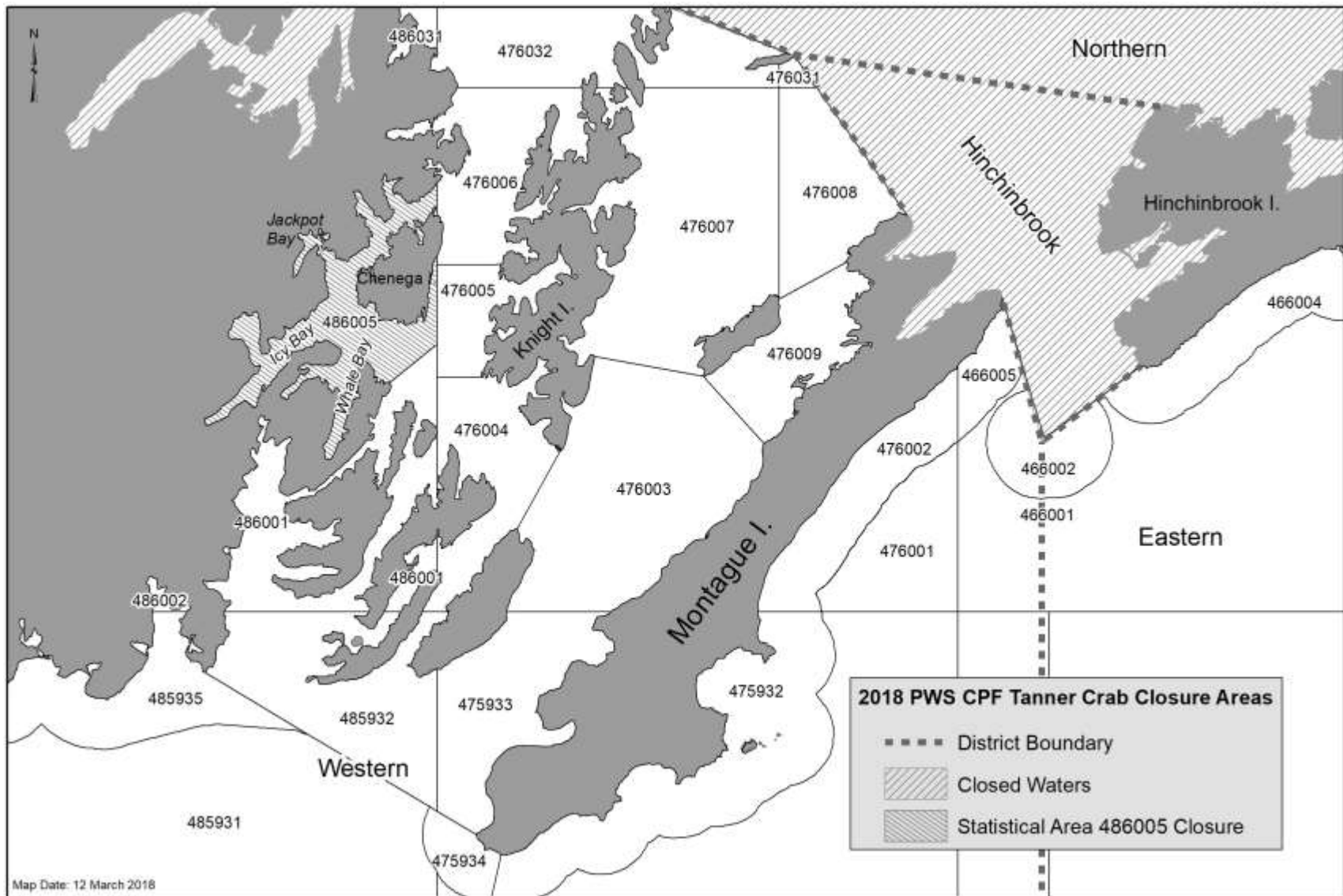


Figure 1. Prince William Sound Area Commercial Tanner Crab Districts; Commissioner's Permit fishery open in Western and Eastern Districts, including statistical area 486005, closure area.

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